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Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session

Cooperation between the United Nations and the community of Portuguese-speaking countries

Letter dated 26 August 2004 from the Representatives of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Timor-Leste and Sao Tome and Principe to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Upon instruction from our Governments, we have the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, that you include in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries".

Pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we attach a draft resolution.

We further have the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex

Draft resolution

Proposal for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries"

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/10 of 18 November 1999 which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it advantageous to both the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to provide for cooperation between the two organizations,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Considering that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations,

Welcoming the participation of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in the fifth high-level meeting between the United Nations and regional organizations, held in New York on 29 and 30 July 2003,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to undertake consultations with the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries with a view to promoting cooperation between the two secretariats, in particular by encouraging meetings that enable their representatives to consult one another on projects, measures and procedures that will facilitate and expand cooperation and coordination between the two organizations;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other bodies and programmes of the United Nations to cooperate to this end with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries".